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SENATOR CUDABACK: That's true. I guess the reason we did that...do you want me to use your time or my time?

SENATOR SMITH: Go ahead.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We did that because we're going to have to come back. If we just made it flat to come out even with the board tomorrow, we'd be back here two years maybe. But they do not have to raise it to this amount if they don't want to.

SENATOR SMITH: And how long has it been in...with the current fee structure?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Fifteen years.

SENATOR SMITH: Fifteen years.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Eighty-seven. Yeah, 16 years.

SENATOR SMITH: And how long do you think this would take us into the future?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Well, I don't know how inflation is going to...as things come up. We could even drop in this if more...you know, I guess I'll have to ask...I mean, I'm not that...I'm pretty smart, but not quite that smart, to know, you know...

SENATOR SMITH: Are all the fees currently at their ceilings?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes. It was a flat amount before. They set a flat amount. It wasn't variable. It was a flat, set fee. They should have done it like this before. I shouldn't say "should." I mean, that's a bad word to use. I'm not second-guessing the board. The board is real conservative, Senator Smith. They did not...they were told this prior to, that they were going to be in trouble, four or five years ago. But the board said, hey. They wanted to be responsible, they wanted to be efficient. They said, we can get by two more years. I hope they're not listening. But they misjudged. They